

igration from China to America form, and the Tsung Li Yamen will be principally guided by his advice in the matter. Of Colonel Gordon he spoke warmly and without enthusiasm, meaning that the English officer had left no room for return. My impression at the Viceroy, while admitting the wisdom of the counsel given by the English and straightforward engineer, did not relish the sharpness of the doses

...and advice to which he and country have had to submit. And, clearly, Gordon need not have talked so loudly about China's incapacity to have served his friends just as well with less demonstrativeness and less. The words that he might have chosen in confidence he has proclaimed to the world. If there has been occasion to make suggestions on all matters relating to the British cause in China, it is not necessary to take him in the first crowded thoroughfare a hind and chastise him in presence of his countrymen. Colonel Gordon has published in a Hongkong paper the translation of a memorial which he addressed to the Chinese Government on its military system and the tactics which it should pursue. There is excellent recommendation commingled with much

in the document. The question is why the paper should have been sent to the Chinese Authorities, but why it could have been contributed in translation to an Anglo-Chinese journal. The annual work of the United States Commissioners should now commence very shortly. The usual calls have been exchanged between Li and the members of Embassy. Similar formalities will be to be conferred on the capital, and I think that the business of commerce and mutual compliance with the duties which appears essential should expedite matters, and there is a chance that the labour of the delegates may be brought to a close. There is now for the consideration of the consuls, danger of war being, for the time, averted. I expect on my return to the capital to know with some precision in the terms on which the Kuldai difficulties will be adjusted. We must be prepared for Russia's demand for larger concessions and compliance on the part of China, the Muscovite having now had the situation from every point of view, military, naval and diplomatic

Commercial.

January 11th.

A fair business was passing in Bengalium till the past few days, when the native dealers have kept out of the market owing to the increased *lekin* tax in the Wang-tung province. The rates for both New Patna' and New Benares, have recently weakened and receded. The

The receipts for the month, so far, are valued at 3,390 chests, against 3,900 chests in the corresponding period last year. De-

During the interval, some 850 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 1,000 chests at the corresponding interval last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 3,300 chests (250 chests being Old Patna), against 2,200 same time last year. Of this quantity 1,000 chests were Benares, of which behind the present stock comprises 860 chests

M. GREGORIEFF, who formed one of the party in the unlucky steamer *St. E. Novosibirsk*, has returned to St. Petersburg from Japan. To the Russian Geographic Society he has presented a superb series of sketches of the different races in Japan, a set of photographic views of the various localities which he visited. He also took home with him an interesting present for the Society from the Japanese Governor of Hakodate.

Quotations.
HONGKONG, *January 12.*

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash,...	637½
" " Old " cash,...	605
" " New Benares, cash,...	668½
" " Old " cash,...	657½
" " New Malwa, credit,...	730½

Allowance, Teels.....	7
" Old Malwa, credit....	750½
Allowance, Teels.....	8
* High Touch.	+ Ordinary.
† No sales since the arrival of the m	
rates nominal.	
Exchange.	
Bank, Wire,	37½
" Demand,	37½
" 30 days' sight,	37½

4 months sight, ...	3/8
Credite, " " " "	8/8
Documentary, 4 months sight, ...	3/8
India, Wire,	22 3/4
demand,	22 1/2
Shanghai, demand,	7 1/2
30 days sight,	7 1/2
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine	27.80
Sovereigns,	5.40 each
Shares.	

Hongkong Bank, 7% prem., sales.
 Union Ins. Soc. of O'ron, \$1,500 per share.
 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400 per share.
 North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,126 per share.
 Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 786 per share.
 Chinese Ins. Co., \$300 per ex. Int.
 H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$550 per share, sales.
 China Fire Ins. Co., \$370 per share.
 H. K. & W. Dock, 13% prem.
 Comopolitan Dock, par, nominal.
 H. K. O. M. S. Boat Co., \$25 prem.

Shai Steam Nav., Tls. 3 per a. nominal.
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 145 p. sh.
Hongkong Gas Co., \$80 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$72 per share.
China Sugar Ref. Co., \$190 per share, sa.
Do. Debentures, 3 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal.
Do. of 1877, "
H.E. Ice Co.'s shares, 25 % prem., sales

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises,
Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, January 12.

BAROMETER —	9 A.M.	30.426
Do.	1 P.M.	30.344
Do.	4 P.M.	30.312
THERMOMETER —	9 A.M.	56
Do.	1 P.M.	61
Do.	4 P.M.	60
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	60

Do.	Do.	1 P.M.	59
Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	58
Do.	Maximum		61
Do.	Minimum over night		52

INSURANCES.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)
CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

The undersigned are prepared to grant Policies on the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurance will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates, of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1881.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1720.

The undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000
Annual Income £250,000

The undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
The undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

The undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on the Risk of FIRE, to the extent of £100,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.
CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £12,420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUND £12,913,268
April, 1880.

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
J. H. FICKVOSS, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.,
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

Messrs BARRING-BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.
RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 1% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the Underwriting Business are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premiums paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong, October 1, 1880.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.00
PAID-UP £800,000.00
RESERVE FUND £425,000.00
BALANCE UNDIVIDED £70,273.43

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS 20% per annum.
DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS, 20% on the amount of their Contributions.

The Company grants Policies on MARINE Risks to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS ON DEMAND, WHETHER THEY ARE SHAREHOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,

Acting Secretary, Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lusitano Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

St. Peter's Seminary Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

General Outfitter, Hosier, Tailor, &c.—T. N. DISCOLL, 45 and 47, Queen's Road, by special appointment to H.E. the Governor.

Chromometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—G. FAUCONER & Co., Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars.—MAC-EWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition, and Sportman's Requisites of all descriptions.—Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gun-makers, Eastern House of Beaconsfield Arcade.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BRACKERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Falloway Boats.

Half hour, 10 cts. | Hour, 20 cts.
Three hours, 50 cts. | Six hours, 70 cts.
Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK, Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 1.00
Three Coolies, 0.85
Two Coolies, 0.70

(Return direct or by Pok-fo-tum.)

Four Coolies, 1.50
Three Coolies, 1.20
Two Coolies, 1.00

To VICTORIA GAF (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA PEAK), Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 0.60
Three Coolies, 0.50
Two Coolies, 0.40

Return direct or by Pok-fo-tum.

Four Coolies, 1.00
Three Coolies, 0.85
Two Coolies, 0.70

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip | Peak, 0.75 each Coolie.
(12 hours) | Peak, 0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, 10 cts.
Half day, 35 cts.
Day, 50 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 tons, per Day, 0.80

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 tons, per Day, 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 tons, per Day, 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 tons, per Day, 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 1.00

4th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.50

5th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.25

6th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.10

7th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.05

8th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.02

9th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.01

10th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.00

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13th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.00

14th Class Cargo Boat or Hsien Boat of 800 tons, per Day, 0.00

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised December 1st, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Newspapers, per four ounces in weight.

Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Newspapers, per four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor newspaper matter be inserted except in book form. Supplemental. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 6 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 6 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N. I. means No Registration.

Country of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, Chili, and S. Africa.

Portals to Non-Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route: Letters, 10 cents per 4 oz. Post Cards, 6 cents each. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz. Comm. Papers, 6 cents.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Letters, 10 cents. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents. Books & Patterns, 5 cents.

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c.

Letters, 30 cents. Registration, None. Newspapers, 5 cents. Books & Patterns, 10 cents.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, the Torres Straits, Letters, 10 cents. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents. Books & Patterns, 5 cents.

Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents. Books & Patterns, 5 cents.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, 20 cents. Letters, 25 cents. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents. Books & Patterns, 5 cents.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery. † There is Registration to British W. India. ‡ Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents. § Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, 10 cents.

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Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Peking, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs.

The postage is 20 cents per lb., which includes Registration except to Japan, to which country parcels are forwarded at Book Rate. Packages may be sent by Parcel Post, but they must be sent by the special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Explosive or inflammable substances, or liable to be crushed (as handbells, matches, Indigo, Dyes, etc.), Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mail, or likely to be offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, the system of Registration will secure the probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Parcels of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Parcels to British Office, 5 lbs. if without dutiable value; to the Continent, &c., 5 lbs.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Post administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

MONEY ORDER REGULATIONS.

1. Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2. Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheques, postage stamps,